

CITY OF GRACE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT GRACE CITY HALL
JANUARY 18, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor: Jackie Barthlome
Council Members: Mike Ridenour, Gillian Lloyd, David Sotutu, Eldon Peck
Superintendent: Wayne Bredehoft
Clerk: Shelley Reeves

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief Curtis Peck, Bentley Peck, Angie Bower

Mayor Barthlome called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Peck gave the invocation.

Clerk Reeves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 4, 2017 and the emergency meeting held on January 10, 2017 were discussed. Motion to approve the minutes of 01/04/2017 and 01/10/2017 was made by Councilmember Ridenour. Councilmember Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills in the amount of \$4464.81 and payroll in the amounts of \$10,056.28 were reviewed for payment. Councilmember Ridenour moved that the bills and payroll be approved as reviewed. Councilmember Sotutu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Fire Chief Curtis Peck to report on the Fire Department. He reported that the county had given the fire department 4 more 700 MHz radios that they had received through a grant. That enabled him to have one for each of the firemen and one for the city employees. He reported that he had received information on the Southern Idaho Fire Training (SIFA) coming up in February. There are several classes that will benefit the firemen. He went through his training record and 8 firemen qualify to go. Councilmember Lloyd moved to allow 8 firemen to go to the SIFA training in February. Councilmember Peck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Barthlome turned the time to Angie Bower to discuss a water leak. She had a water line break that caused an unusual amount of water usage. She explained that the line has now been fixed. Councilmember Lloyd moved to write off \$102.71 for the extra water usage. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts 3160.3 and 3150.1 were discussed. After the last meeting Councilmember Ridenour spoke with the individuals and explained that if payments or payment arrangements were not made that the accounts would be capped on Thursday, January 19. Clerk Reeves reported that account 3150.1 had made a payment and had a balance of \$42.42. Account 3160.3 had made payment arrangement to pay half by Saturday, January 21, and the other half in two weeks after. Councilmember Ridenour

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moved that if the payment was not made that the account be capped on Monday, January 23. Councilmember Sotutu seconded the motion.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the city council for coming in for an emergency meeting to bring in extra help due to the vacation of two employees. She asked the city council to consider writing an ordinance or resolution to allow the Mayor to call in extra help if needed on an emergency basis. After discussion it was decided that no ordinance or resolution was needed. If an emergency arises again an emergency meeting with the city council will be called.

Mayor Barthlome suggested plowing the streets to the middle on the streets that are wide enough to allow it, to reduce the berm that is left in front of the citizen's driveways. After discussion the city council decided to leave it to the city employee's discretion to decide what the best way to plow the snow is.

Mayor Barthlome thanked the county for the help plowing the snow, she also thanked the citizens for helping their neighbors and helping the city when they could.

The city time-off policy was discussed. Currently the policy states that two employees are allowed to take vacation leave at one time due to a husband and wife working for the city. The city council decided to leave the policy as it is now but to adjust it when there is a change in the employees.

Mayor Barthlome reported that at the 5-county road coalition meeting that she was informed that the city will be receiving a flashing pedestrian crossing sign sometime in the next year. The sign will be paid for by the state.

Mayor Barthlome thanked employees Steve Rigby and Riley Crookston for all the hard work and long hours that they put into keeping the streets clear during the unusual weather.

Councilmember Lloyd moved to convene into executive session at 6:50 p.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a)&(b) to consider personnel matters. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Councilmember Ridenour-yea, Councilmember Peck-yea, Councilmember Sotutu-yea, and Councilmember Lloyd-yea. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Councilmember Peck moved to adjourn the executive session at 7:14. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Peck moved to re-convene into the regular meeting at 7:15. Councilmember Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to get a firm date of retirement in writing from the employee and to start the process of hiring a new employee when the date of retirement is known.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Shelley Reaves

CLERK

APPROVED

Jacqui Bartholome

MAYOR

February 1, 2017

DATE